

Dublin, July 24, 1865

Dear Mrs Chapman - My sister in law
Mrs Palmer of Waterford with whom I have
you are so long familiar as Maria Waring
has requested me to present to you a small
legacy of Fain Pomeroy which was left
her by a friend lately deceased in his
native town - and to say that Margaret
White had been for many years a subscriber
from her small resources to the American
Anti Slavery Society - that she was one in
whom a strong love of justice ^{was} combined with
all kindly feelings, & that the liberation of
the slave was ever a subject of deep inter-
est to her. In her will which was made
in 1859, she left this small legacy "on
behalf of the slave", and it is sent to you
as one who will be sure to apply it judi-
cially. There is a great deal to say about
a small matter - but you will take the
note for this deed. - Besides the £5 I send
15/- due by W. P. White of Cork to the Standard
I would not trouble you about this sum,
only that my usual banks & money agents
as well as Mr. S. May of Limerick, have
agreed with me to have nothing

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man to do with the Standard with that
or its present manager he is very
indignant. Perhaps you are no better
pleased with them than he is - but
I don't think you are about to
be paying them a small debt through
your means.

I greatly lament that in the 11th
the hour of the Anti Slavery Enterprise
such a difference of opinion & feeling
should have arisen between the tried
& trusted leaders of the cause. However
abstemious like all other people are
liable to errors of judgment & conduct
for long as the world is a world this
will be the case with us all, both small
& great, brilliant & stupid, eminent &
obscure. I am especially sorry that
so much infirmity should have been
caused as far as I can judge by Wendell
Phillips - a star of the first magnitude
in the Abolition movement.

In a late number of the Standard (I
know you are in no way responsible for its
management) is a very bitter extract
from another paper about England, & particularly

referring to the course of some of our literary
men in regard to the late civil war.

I think W. Martineau & Holst are
men who are looked on as no better than
they should have been. I admit that
national, commercial & commercial pa-
trons have had much to do in the matter
& for one and I have said in apology for
our side of the difference to Americans I
have said so the other way to our own
people. The fact remains that the
majority of English men have been
on your side - and that it is taking a
narrow and extreme view of the case
to refuse due credit to the great number
of wealthy men, manufacturers, members of
parliament, journalists, & others who
have labored strenuously to uphold the
Northern side & to influence public opinion
in that direction. The fact remains that
apart from the bulk of newspapers &
the P's - & the conduct of blockade runners
our government neutrality has been as
hard as ever preserved in the interest of
the North as has that of France & that of
the two governments the English have been
the most substantially friendly.

When I talk on this subject I feel as if I were beating the air. Still I am sure that national enmity is a very bad thing & that no good whatever is or can be done by keeping it up. A large portion of your own people were as hostile to the war as friendly to the truth in any portion of the English people - and many of the mistaken partialities were born ignorance & misapprehension which are powerful mortals' weapons.

It is a long time since I have had a line from you from whom I used to hear so often & I do not willingly submit to the deprivation.

Would you be so good as to subscribe to Dr Pines, Waterford, for me to the New paper - the Nation - his half-year & then I know the amount I will send the money, without fail. I have felt so I should wish to have the file complete.

The book came long so kind as to send me has reached Dublin. I wrote to Madame Langel - but her thoughts have doubtless been taken up with the terrible death of her cousin - with kind regards to you all I remain yours ever truly

Richard D Webb